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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Shogo MIKI, et al.  
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Art Unit: 3763  
Examiner: Loan H. Thanh

**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated November 24, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.